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## Internal Background and Q's & A's on CEI's Petition on the Climate Action Report 5/13/03

## **Background**

- The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) has petitioned EPA under EPA's Information Quality Guidelines to stop dissemination of the 2002 Climate Action Report (CAR), a State Department document that is posted on EPA's website. In a May 16 letter to CEI, EPA is responding that under the Agency's Information Quality Guidelines, it is not the appropriate agency to respond to the petition. Subsequently, EPA is informing the petitioner that the Agency is providing the petitioner's request to the State Department for its information.
- CEI objects to references in the CAR to a separate report—the National
   Assessment on Climate Change (National Assessment). The National Assessment is:
  - A summary of U.S. regional vulnerability to potential climate change impacts for the next 25 to 100 years, based largely upon two models whose projections were contradictory.
  - o A report required under "The Global Change Research Act of 1990"
  - o Produced by the National Assessment Synthesis Team (a FACA Committee)
- In addition to its petition to EPA to stop dissemination of the CAR, CEI has also
  petitioned NOAA and OSTP to stop dissemination of the National Assessment.
  Both NOAA and OSTP have denied the petitions.

## O's & A's







